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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE NIGERIA VISIT

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1. EMBASSY CORRECTLY ASSUMES VISIT WITH GOWON HAS BEEN A HIGH POINT FOR PAST NWC TRIPS AND SOMETHING TO WHICH THIS YEAR'S GROUP HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD. NWC CONTINUES TO BELIEVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF NIGERIA IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF AFRICA. FOR THIS REASON GROUP WOULD HOPE TO VISIT LAGOS AND MAKE AN APPROPRIATE INTERIOR STOP EVEN IF GENERAL GOWON WERE UNABLE TO RECEIVE THEM. NWC WOULD ADAPT TO, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND, ANY SCHEDULING CHANGES REQUIRED BY GOWON'S ABSENCE.

2. AS PLANNING NOW STANDS NWC WOULD ARRIVE LAGOS 1100 HOURS APRIL 25 AND DEPART 1400 HOURS APRIL 29. WE UNDERSTAND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 29 TO MAY 6. THIS WOULD RULE OUT A LATER ARRIVAL IN LAGOS PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF NWC AFRICAN TRIP ON MAY 8.

3. BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO REVIEW THESE DATES WITH MEA TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF GOWON'S TRAVEL PLANS. WILL APPRECIATE RESULTS YOUR INQUIRIES SOONEST.

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4. FYI: ITINERARY OF TRIP IS UNDERGOING CHANGE. NIAMEY
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